REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure and the claims are being amended to conform with U.S. practice. More specifically, the claims are being amended to ensure clear antecedent basis, and avoid multiple dependencies. Claims 12-14 are being canceled. New claim 15 is being added to separately recite a feature of original claim 3. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided. The substance of the claims has not changed. Claims 1-11 & 15 are now pending in this case.

Favorable consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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